

SUNDAY MASS
 Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm
 Sunday 9 am, 11 am

WEEKDAY MASS
 Monday (Springvale) 9:30 am
 Tuesday 9 am
 Wednesday 9 am
 Thursday 9 am
 Friday 9 am
 Saturday 9 am

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, after Saturday morning Mass and by appointment.

THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT

HOLY ROSARY
 Tuesday—Thursday 8.35am
 St Joseph's Church

Wednesday 1pm
 St Joseph's Parish Centre
 15 Decade-Rosary
 Mary Untier of Knots

FRIDAY DURING LENT
 8.30 am Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 9.00am

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

5th Sunday of Lent 26 March 2023

A RARE DISEASE JOURNEY—NIAMH AND MAREE DALTON—Part 5

Weeks of Lent Themes – Week 5 – Waiting, Anxiety, Trust

Niamh and Seb both had an amazing time at the NTSAD Conference in Jacksonville . Whilst Mark, Jane and I spent the four days of the conference learning about research into GM1 – and how far it has come in the US, developing support networks, understanding physiotherapy, music therapy and other therapy options, learning about drugs that may/may not help, practising laugh yoga, and attending parents and relatives support groups, Niamh was in Camp Snuggle whilst Seb attended Camp Sunshine.

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St Joseph's Parish is committed to the Safe-guarding of Children and Young People in all aspects of Parish life.

To subscribe to St Joseph's Parish emailing list please email chelsea@cam.org.au

The solemn obligation for baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.



Recently Deceased
 Terence Jones, Les Kenny,

Prayers for the Sick
 Danielle Spencer, Malcolm Russell,
 Sarina Raccosta

Anniversaries
 Arthur Mortimer, Howard Lynch,
 Harold Richard Liddicoat

26th March; 5th Sunday of Lent A
 1st R: Ezek 37:12-14
 2nd R: Rom 8:8-11
 Gospel: John 11:1-45

2nd April; Palm Sunday A
 1st R: Is 50:4-7
 2nd R: Phil 2:6-11
 Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66



There was a professional photographer there too – and we were able to get some amazing memories of the experiences we shared together.

And, before we knew it, time was up! And it was goodbye to the heat and/or humidity that we had been enjoying for the previous almost three weeks in California and Florida, and onto the cold and wet of Washington, DC and the National Institutes of Health.

It was like an army operation to 'check-in' to the NIH – as bad as getting through the airport! High gates and security at every entrance, passports to be handed over and passes to be issued, and baggage checks every time we entered or exited. But our 'home away from home' here was amazing. Called The Children's Inn, Jane described it as 'Ronald McDonald House on steroids', and she had a point!

They organised activities there, and children who are at the NIH can go to school within the Inn itself. Every night, volunteer groups come in and cook dinner for however many guests are staying – and the three fully appointed kitchens are for use by all the families too. The staff even organise events for the kids, like the mascots of the Washington Nationals baseball team showing up one afternoon while we were there to play with the kids – and cheat while racing them across the playground!

The week at the Institute was pretty hectic. There were blood tests and scans and appointments and consultations and x-rays and confusion over exactly who everyone was (Mark and Jane stopped correcting people after the second day of being called 'Mom' and 'Dad' constantly).



Part of the research is also about her genetics. Blood tests and biopsies not just for Niamh. That meant that both myself and Niamh's father were required for the testing too. He only stayed for the one day, and once the testing was done, he went back to his holiday away from home. But Niamh didn't care! She was the centre of attention – from the staff and us as well. She had her family around her, and some of the best medical experts on her condition in the world looking after her.

GM1 is extremely rare, and both parents have to be carriers of the gene in order for the child to inherit the condition. Niamh is even rarer still, as I am not a carrier of the gene – she inherited a double copy of the GM1 gene from her father on her third chromosome. This proved to create further interest in Niamh, and what this means in the future.

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Please do not attend Mass if you are unwell.
 There are no numbers restrictions on attendees at church.
 Face masks are no longer mandatory inside the church,
 but their use has been strongly encouraged by the Archbishop.
 Please use the hand sanitiser provided.

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 25 MARCH

The Annunciation of the Lord
4:30pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Junior
Legion of Mary—any enquiries or infor-
mation please contact June Pereira on
0403 095 627

SUNDAY 26 MARCH

Altar Society (2nd Collection)
11:00am Mass—Youth Choir

MONDAY 27 MARCH

10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group—
Chapel

TUESDAY 28 MARCH

10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—
Room1

WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH

7:30pm KSC Executive Meeting—Nazareth
Room

FRIDAY 31 MARCH

8:30am Stations of the Cross



St Joseph's Parish Stewardship

We thank you
for your continuous support.
**The new sets of Stewardship
envelopes are available
for collection**
**in the Church narthex. Letters for those
utilising Direct Debit or Credit Card are
also located in the narthex.**



Don't forget that Daylight Savings ends at
3:00am next
Sunday 2nd
April—
clocks back
one hour!
And while
you're at it,
change your
smoke detec-
tor batteries
too!



St. Vincent de Paul Society Week 2

Breakfast cereals, long-life
milk, Vegemite, jams, to-
mato sauce

*SVPD are always wel-
coming new members.
Please contact Carole
0404 335 419 for more information.*



St Bede's College is pleased to announce that our
[Online Applications](#) for Year 7, 2025 are now
open! We also have a limited number of places still
available for Year 7, 2024 at our dedicated Middle-
Years Campus (Year 7 – 9) in Bentleigh East. To
avoid disappointment, we strongly encourage our
Parish families to apply as soon as they are able.

We warmly invite those who are yet to visit St
Bede's College to book a tour for one of our up-
coming Open Days, the dates for which are listed
below:
Mentone Campus – Wednesday 17 May, 2023
Bentleigh East Campus – Wednesday 31 May, 2023

For further information regarding enrolment appli-
cations, please feel free to contact our College
Registrar, Deb Campion, on 9582 5999
via enrol@stbedes.catholic.edu.au.



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

*Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737
Weekly average \$ 2,069.50*



***PLEASE NOTE THAT THE YOUTH CHOIR
WILL BE SINGING AT THE 11am MASS
ON SUNDAY 26TH MARCH INSTEAD OF
THE FIRST SUNDAY***

First Sunday Youth Choir

Kids 8+ are warmly invited to join Jason &
Bella singing at 11am Mass every first Sun-
day of the month. Please email
raffymazzeo@gmail.com if your child would
like to join or for
more information.



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



HOLY WEEK AT ST JOSEPH'S

Chelsea and District Inter-Church Council—**GOOD FRIDAY—STATIONS OF THE CROSS —
7TH APRIL 2023 10:30AM BEESON RESERVE EDITHVALE**

PALM SUNDAY 1 – 2 APRIL

6 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
9 am Mass with procession
11 am Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 1 April 8:30 am & 5:30 pm
Sunday 2 April 10:30 am
Tuesday 4 April 8:30 am & 7 pm
Wednesday 5 April 8:30 am & 7 pm

HOLY THURSDAY 6 APRIL

8:30 am Reconciliation (*Confession*)
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
10 pm Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY 7 APRIL

8:30 am Reconciliation (*Confession*)
10 am Way of the Cross
3 pm The Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 8 APRIL

10 am Reconciliation
(*Confession*)
8 pm The Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY 9 APRIL

8:30 am & 10:30 am Reconciliation
9 am Mass 11 am Mass



Holy Week



Did you know that the word "Catholic" was first used by Ignatius of Antioch around the year A.D. 110. It is from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means "toward the whole." Ignatius was suggesting that the Church is a gift offered by Christ to all people. The Catholic Church is the largest single denomination in Christianity.

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Niamh was such a trooper! Everyone loved her cheeky smile and laughter...even when she was supposed to be concentrating and playing whilst being observed by specialists...her beautiful temperament won over everyone.

It was an overwhelming, informative, ground-breaking week at the NIH, and has armed us with so many facts and evidence as we continue to fight for Niamh. The connections that we made, people we met, medical individuals, whose life work centres around finding a cure for GM1, including Dr Cynthia Tiff and her team in the photo here, were all amazing and have given Niamh and I hope – hope for more research and a cure for this devastating condition.



Final instalment next week